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## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

**N**orth Dakota Spring wheat producers intend to plant 7.10 million acres, up 11 percent from 2010. Area planted to Durum wheat is expected to total 1.60 million acres, down 11 percent from last year. Winter wheat plantings for harvest in 2011 totaled 340,000 acres, up 3 percent from a year earlier.

Corn growers in North Dakota intend to plant 2.50 million acres, up 22 percent from last year. Soybean growers intend to plant 4.35 million acres, up 6 percent from last year. Canola planting intentions are 1.42 million acres, up 11 percent from 2010.

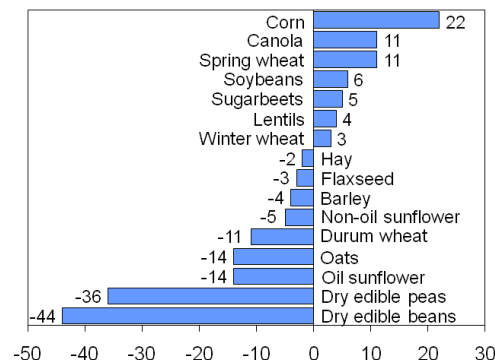
Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 450,000 acres, down 44 percent from 2010. Oil sunflower planting intentions are 600,000 acres, down 14 percent from last year. Non-oil sunflower area is expected to total 175,000 acres, down 5 percent from last year. Sugarbeet growers expect to plant 227,000 acres, up 5 percent from last year.

**U**nited States Spring wheat growers intend to plant 14.4 million acres this year, up 5 percent from 2010. Durum wheat area seeded is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.2 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010.

Corn growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. Soybean growers intend to plant an estimated 76.6 million acres in 2011, down 1 percent from last year. Canola producers intend to plant a record high 1.61 million acres in 2011, up 11 percent from 2010.

Dry edible bean growers intend to plant 1.30 million acres in 2011, down 32 percent from last year. Sunflower growers intend to plant a total of 1.81 million acres in 2011, down 8 percent from last year. Area intended for oil type varieties, at 1.40 million acres, is down 4 percent from 2010. The area intended for non-oil varieties, estimated at 405,000 acres, is down 17 percent from last year. Sugarbeet area planted for the 2011 crop year is expected to total 1.19 million acres, up 1 percent from the 1.17 million acres planted in 2010.

**Prospective Plantings, Percent Change from 2010 – North Dakota: March 2011**



## Prospective Plantings, Area Planted – North Dakota and United States: 2009-2011

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	2009	2010	Indicated 2011	2011 as % of 2010	2009	2010	Indicated 2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Wheat, all.....	8,680	8,530	9,040	106	59,168	53,603	58,021	108
Spring.....	6,450	6,400	7,100	111	13,268	13,698	14,427	105
Durum.....	1,650	1,800	1,600	89	2,554	2,570	2,365	92
Winter.....	580	330	340	103	43,346	37,335	41,229	110
Barley.....	1,210	720	690	96	3,567	2,872	2,952	103
Oats.....	350	280	240	86	3,404	3,138	2,839	90
Sunflower, all.....	885	885	775	88	2,030.0	1,951.5	1,805.0	92
Oil.....	770	700	600	86	1,698.0	1,463.0	1,400.0	96
Non-oil.....	115	185	175	95	332.0	488.5	405.0	83
Canola.....	730	1,280	1,420	111	827.0	1,448.8	1,611.8	111
Soybeans.....	3,900	4,100	4,350	106	77,451	77,404	76,609	99
Flaxseed.....	295	390	380	97	317	421	420	100
Corn, all.....	1,950	2,050	2,500	122	86,382	88,192	92,178	105
Dry edible beans, all.....	610.0	800.0	450.0	56	1,540.0	1,911.4	1,303.5	68
Chickpeas, all (Garbanzo) ...	13.2	16.0	9.0	56	96.1	146.0	138.9	95
Large.....	10.6	14.0	(D)	(X)	80.0	120.9	103.0	85
Small.....	2.6	2.0	(D)	(X)	16.1	25.1	35.9	143
Dry edible peas.....	490.0	430.0	275.0	64	863.3	756.0	586.0	78
Lentils.....	165	265	275	104	415	658	710	108
Sugarbeets.....	225	217	227	105	1,185.8	1,171.4	1,187.1	101
Hay, all <sup>1</sup> .....	2,960	2,550	2,500	98	59,775	59,862	58,973	99

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## GRAIN STOCKS

### North Dakota

All wheat stored in all positions in North Dakota on March 1, 2011 totaled 167 million bushels. This is down 9 percent from last year. All wheat stocks include Durum, spring and winter wheat. Durum wheat stocks in all positions totaled 35.8 million bushels, up 16 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 26.0 million bushels, are up from last year's 24.5 million bushels.

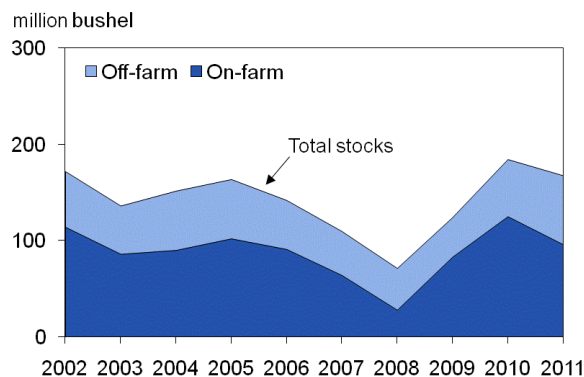
Barley stocks in all positions totaled 45.9 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago. On farm stocks are 27.0 million bushels, down 22 percent from March 1, 2010. Corn stocks in all positions totaled 108 million bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. Of the total stocks, 64.0 million bushels are stored on farms, down from 100 million bushels last year. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 41.4 million bushels, up 39

percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 19.5 million bushels on March 1, 2011, down from 14.0 million bushels last year.

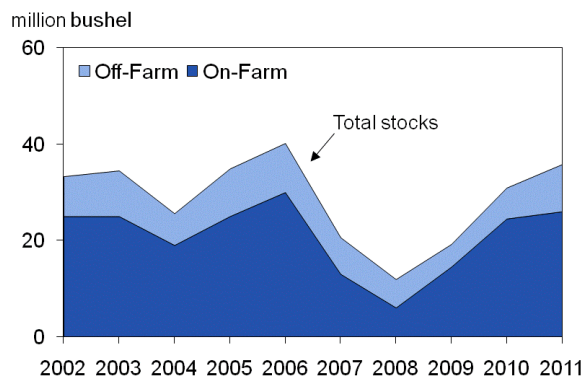
### United States

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 1.42 billion bushels, up 5 percent from a year ago. Durum wheat stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 56.5 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 138 million bushels, down 12 percent from March 1, 2010. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 6.52 billion bushels, down 15 percent from March 1, 2010. Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2011 totaled 1.25 billion bushels, down 2 percent from March 1, 2010.

**All Wheat Stocks  
North Dakota: March 1**



**Durum Wheat Stocks  
North Dakota: March 1**



**Grain Stocks by Position and Month — North Dakota and United States: 2010-2011**

Crop	Date	North Dakota			United States		
		On farm	Off farm <sup>1</sup>	Total all positions	On farm	Off farm <sup>1</sup>	Total all Positions
Wheat, all <sup>2</sup> ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	125,000	59,205	184,205	348,250	1,008,107	1,356,357
	Dec 1, 2010	186,000	68,164	254,164	550,000	1,382,946	1,932,946
	Mar 1, 2011	96,000	71,465	167,465	288,010	1,136,548	1,424,558
Wheat, Durum ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	24,500	6,429	30,929	34,300	21,216	55,516
	Dec 1, 2010	33,500	6,962	40,462	46,600	21,742	68,342
	Mar 1, 2011	26,000	9,812	35,812	35,700	20,795	56,495
Barley ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	34,500	21,758	56,258	67,370	89,985	157,355
	Dec 1, 2010	36,500	17,604	54,104	91,660	88,720	180,380
	Mar 1, 2011	27,000	18,890	45,890	57,700	80,272	137,972
Oats ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	4,500	863	5,363	30,900	67,091	97,991
	Dec 1, 2010	4,700	(D)	(D)	34,100	66,911	101,011
	Mar 1, 2011	3,600	598	4,198	26,950	59,395	86,345
Corn ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	100,000	34,104	134,104	4,548,000	3,145,787	7,693,787
	Dec 1, 2010	145,000	51,180	196,180	6,302,000	3,754,769	10,056,769
	Mar 1, 2011	64,000	44,185	108,185	3,384,000	3,138,804	6,522,804
Soybeans ..... 1,000 bushels	Mar 1, 2010	14,000	15,793	29,793	609,200	660,868	1,270,068
	Dec 1, 2010	40,000	33,746	73,746	1,091,000	1,187,084	2,278,084
	Mar 1, 2011	19,500	21,868	41,368	505,000	743,885	1,248,885
Sunflower, all ..... 1,000 pounds	Mar 1, 2010	381,500	373,819	755,319	604,100	610,544	1,214,644
	Mar 1, 2011	227,000	314,762	541,762	330,180	536,889	867,069
Sunflower, oil..... 1,000 pounds	Mar 1, 2010	345,000	298,120	643,120	533,450	460,429	993,879
	Mar 1, 2011	185,000	249,722	434,722	257,000	406,429	663,429
Sunflower, non-oil ..... 1,000 pounds	Mar 1, 2010	36,500	75,699	112,199	70,650	150,115	220,765
	Mar 1, 2011	42,000	65,040	107,040	73,180	130,460	203,640

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<sup>2</sup> Includes Durum, spring and winter.

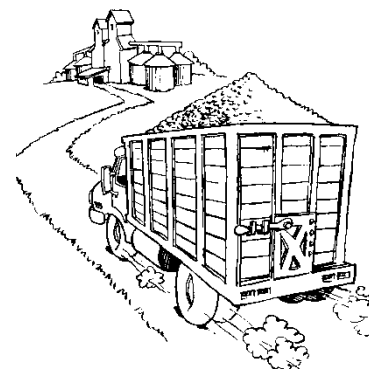
## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

### North Dakota

Prices received by farmers for spring wheat for March 2011 averaged \$8.40 per bushel, an increase of 11 cents from the February 2011. Soybeans decreased 60 cents to \$11.90 per bushel from the previous month and corn, at \$5.25 per bushel, was down 11 cents.

### United States

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 174 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 7 points (4.9 percent).



### Prices Received for Field Crops – North Dakota and United States: March 2011 with Comparisons

Item	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price March 2011
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	
Wheat, all .....dollars/bushel	4.69	8.30	8.37	4.70	7.43	7.63	16.10
Spring .....dollars/bushel	4.80	8.29	8.40	5.04	7.70	8.61	(NA)
Durum .....dollars/bushel	4.32	8.58	8.80	4.57	8.43	8.58	(NA)
Winter.....dollars/bushel	3.76	6.51	6.55	4.45	7.03	6.82	(NA)
Barley, all .....dollars/bushel	3.99	3.84	4.77	4.22	3.97	4.58	11.30
Feed .....dollars/bushel	2.63	3.31	4.05	2.66	3.55	4.31	(NA)
Malting .....dollars/bushel	4.16	4.11	4.95	4.43	4.10	4.64	(NA)
Oats .....dollars/bushel	1.73	3.34	(D)	2.29	3.27	3.12	6.62
Sunflower, all.....dollars/cwt	16.50	27.20	28.10	15.80	27.40	28.20	50.60
Oil .....dollars/cwt	14.80	27.40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Non-oil .....dollars/cwt	21.90	25.90	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Canola.....dollars/cwt	16.50	20.40	21.00	16.50	20.40	21.00	46.10
Soybeans .....dollars/bushel	9.05	12.50	11.90	9.39	12.70	12.10	25.10
Flaxseed .....dollars/bushel	8.82	15.30	13.10	8.82	15.30	13.10	27.00
Corn .....dollars/bushel	3.15	5.36	5.25	3.55	5.64	5.46	10.20
Beans, all dry edible .....dollars/cwt	26.30	25.60	26.80	29.70	28.60	30.30	77.30
Navy .....dollars/cwt	29.40	28.10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Pinto .....dollars/cwt	24.80	24.40	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Potatoes, all .....dollars/cwt	9.90	9.30	9.15	7.42	9.26	9.95	22.10
Fresh <sup>1</sup> .....dollars/cwt	8.85	12.10	(D)	5.26	12.07	(D)	(NA)
Processing .....dollars/cwt	10.30	7.90	(D)	8.86	7.63	(D)	(NA)
Baled hay, all <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/ton	59.00	59.00	57.00	107.00	116.00	124.00	(NA)
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/ton	68.00	64.00	66.00	113.00	127.00	136.00	(NA)
Other <sup>2</sup> .....dollars/ton	48.00	45.00	47.00	95.30	93.90	97.30	(NA)

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### Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 1990-1992=100 – United States: March 2011 with Comparisons

Index	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011
Prices received:			
All products .....	141	170	174
All crops .....	155	199	200
All livestock .....	128	144	151
Prices paid .....	180	197	199
Ratio prices received to prices paid .....	78	86	87

# WHEAT OUTLOOK

## Winter Wheat Crop Conditions for Selected States

Winter wheat conditions in early March on the Central and Southern Plains are not as favorable compared with this time a year ago because of the extended lack of soil moisture in the region's western growing areas. On the Central Plains, 25 percent of the current Kansas wheat crop is rated good to excellent compared with 60 percent a year ago at this time. Forty percent of the current Kansas crop rated poor to very poor, up from 8 percent a year ago. The situation for Nebraska is not as bad as in Kansas. Forty percent of the current wheat crop in Nebraska is rated good to excellent compared with 49 percent a year ago. Thirteen percent of the Nebraska crop is rated poor to very poor compared with 8 percent a year ago.

Crop conditions are also less favorable this year on the Southern Plains. For Oklahoma, 22 percent of the crop this year rated good to excellent at the end of the first week of March, compared with 65 percent a year ago. Forty-one

percent of the Oklahoma crop rated poor to very poor, while only 7 percent received that rating a year ago. Eighteen percent of the current Texas wheat crop on March 6 is rated good to excellent compared with 45 percent a year ago. This year, 56 percent of the Texas crop is rated poor to very poor compared with 18 percent a year ago.

At the end of February, crop conditions in two SRW States Illinois and North Carolina are better than a year ago at this time. Thirty-six percent of the current Illinois wheat crop is rated good to excellent compared with 28 percent a year ago. This year 18 percent of the Illinois crop is rated poor to very poor compared with 23 percent a year ago. Fifty-nine percent of the current North Carolina wheat crop is rated good to excellent compared with 17 percent a year ago.

This year, 8 percent of the North Carolina crop is rated poor to very poor compared with 47 percent a year ago.

**Source: *Wheat Outlook*, USDA-ERS, March 14, 2011**

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